

**Amendments to the Specification:**

Please replace paragraph [0011] with the following rewritten paragraph:

[0001] Within the scope of the present invention, in principle any substance which repels water and which can be applied to the threads with known methods can be used as the water-repellant. However, because of its high water-repellant efficiency, a water-repellant comprising fluorine and carbon atoms, e.g., a fluoropolymer, and especially a mixture of fluoroacrylate polymers, is preferred. Said mixture is for example contained in OLEOPHOBOL SM<sup>®</sup>, a water-repellant finish available from Ciba Spezialitätenchemie Pfersee GmbH, Langweid am Lech, DE.